

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday September 6
8:00 AM † David Wilkey ~ Family

Tuesday September 7:
8:00 AM † James Huettner ~ Hodges Family

Wednesday September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 PM † Nellie Yodenes, † Helen Valdivieso, † John Culver
† Michelle Cambria, † Oscar F. Martinez,
† Kenneth Brell, † Bob Keepers

Jack Halis, Oh and Bach Families, John Majek
In Thanksgiving Gloria Farias

Healing: Deacon Ed, Ted Hodges, Carlene Burlison
Golden Jubilee Sr. Marie Dolorette, SSND

Thursday September 9: St. Peter Claver
8:00 AM † Israel Salinas ~ Connie Stephens

Friday September 10:
8:00 AM Amelia Alonzo ~ Minnie Flores

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday September 11: Vigil Mass
5:00 PM † Vern Amthor ~ Mr. and Mrs. Galsworthy

Sunday September 12
8:30 AM Altar and Rosary Society
11:00AM Parishioners of St. Paul's
6:00 PM † George Paul Bernal II ~ Family

Ministers of the Altar

Saturday 5 PM September 11
Lector: Petra Cisneros
E.M.s: A. Vargas, L. Broden, M. Welch, D. Bracken

Sunday 8:30 AM September 12
Lector: Linda Cruz
E.M.s: M. and E. Vara, B. Bassett, C. Alamillo

Sunday 11 AM September 12
Lector: Roger Munoz
E.M.s: J. Robinson, H. and M. Garza, Sr. Eliza

Sunday 6 PM September 12
Lector: Kathy Brown
E.M.s: S. and O. Bienia, I. Bianco, A. Fernandez

Home Visits: S. Bienia, G. Eden

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



From Fr. Peter's Desk

What does Christianity have to offer that's worth giving up everything else for, including one's own life? More than we can fathom! Jesus offered his disciples a priceless treasure-- true happiness, peace, and joy unending with the everlasting Father in his heavenly kingdom. And what does it cost to be a disciple of so generous a Lord who wishes to share everything he has with his beloved disciples? Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell his disciples that it would cost them dearly to follow after him. To gain all, one must be willing to give all. There can be no room for compromise or concession with God. We either give our lives over to him completely or we keep them for ourselves. Paul the Apostle says, "We are not our own. We were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19b,20). That price is the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. Is your life given over to God?

Why does Jesus say we must "hate" our families and even ourselves? The expression "to hate" often meant to "prefer less". Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives over God. Jesus knew that the way of the cross was the Father's way to glory and victory over sin and death. He counted the cost and said "yes" to his Father's will. We, too, must "count the cost" and be ready to follow Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in his glory and victory. What is the "way of the cross" for you and for me? When my will opposes God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of giving all of ourselves for the Kingdom of God. But, we must remember that we can never out give God. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Do you allow the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with the love of God?

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first. Jesus' way to glory and power is opposite the world's way of glory and power. The choice is ours, but the Lord does not leave us alone if we choose to follow him. Does the love of Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (see 2 Cor. 5)?

"Lord, may your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Help me to joyfully embrace the cross for your sake and my salvation."

Prayer to Avert Hurricanes

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf. We pray that You spare us from hurricanes that may threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry was able to assist several families this past Tuesday so a sincere "thank you" to those who continue to put food in the grocery cart every weekend and those that bring food to the parish office during the week in spite of the economy, May God bless you abundantly!

Our food pantry is OUT OF Vienna sausage, pork and beans, instant mashed potatoes, ramen soups, saltine crackers, canned potatoes, green beans, corn, peas, beef stew, chili, tuna helper, canned luncheon meat, 1 lb. bags of rice, 1 lb. bags of pinto beans, pancake mix, small pancake syrup Jell-O, Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, applesauce, cereal, tuna, ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, 18 oz. grape jam/jelly, 18 oz. peanut butter, and 18 oz. canned fruit.

Our food pantry is LOW on Minute Maid juice drinks.

☛ Please remember that the Health Department does not permit distributing repackaged food items or items beyond their expiration date as printed on the package.

Diapers (larger sizes), shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toilet paper and paper towels can also be donated.

Occasionally we are fortunate to receive cash donations and these are used to supplement the food pantry. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and no donation is too small. If everyone would bring just one item, from the list in the bulletin, each weekend as part of their weekly tithe, our food pantry would never be empty.



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FMI call 937 - 6908

Registration for Kindergarten to Twelfth grade students is taking place after all the masses in the St. Timothy Room and also on weekdays in the Religious Education Office during business hours. Fee: \$35 for the first child and \$30 for the other siblings. Payment arrangements can be made at the time of registration.

If your child is new to our Religious education program, please bring their Baptismal Certificate and First Communion certificate if applicable.

PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to register!!!
Classes will begin the week of September 19th.

Safe Environment classes for those that will be working with children this year in any capacity is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2010. Those that need recertification will need to attend the 6-7 PM class. Those that are new and need the initial certification class will need to attend the 7 - 9 PM class. Both are scheduled to take place in the Charlie Room.

The Religious Education Department is still in need of the individual plastic cases in which to store VHS tapes as we finish cataloging our new Parish Library. If you can donate these needed items please drop them off at the Religious Education or Parish Office during regular hours.



For 6th 7th and 8th Graders
7 - 8:30 PM Wednesday in the Charlie Room

Come join us if you are going into 6th - 8th grades!

09/08 Movie Night - "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" which will start promptly at seven.

This semester you will have the opportunity to become familiar with the Bible and be exposed to several ways of praying Scripture. We strongly recommend that you bring a Bible each week. We will have a class room set but it would be good to have your own. Our hope is, that by the end of this semester, you will feel more comfortable with reading the Scriptures frequently.

For more information call Youth Ministry Director
Cathy Fichtel at 937 - 5875

Parents, you are always welcome at Edge.

Help is Needed

We are in need of teachers, substitutes, and helpers for this year's CCD program.

If you can volunteer to make a difference in a child's life, please call Sister Victoria in the Religious Education Office at 937 - 6908

Thirst for Change!

Our EDGE and Life Teen students will work in concert with parishes all over the country to accomplish together a corporal work of mercy by giving drink to the thirsty. Their challenge this year is to raise funds to build clean water wells in Africa.

They will be looking to collect your pocket change (or any monetary donation) during the next couple of weeks so be sure you look for their water jugs and help fill them up.



Sunday Nights, 7 - 9 PM in the Charlie Room
All Teens are invited.

Come join us if you are going into 9th - 12th grades!

Recently confirmed teens and all high school teens - come on by the St. Timothy room after mass this week to register for Life Teen. Continue your walk with Jesus to learn more of Him and to grow in your faith You never stop your journey with Christ!

I'm looking forward to seeing you again and meeting new teens at our Kickoff Session "Casino Night" on September 12th.

FMI: Cathy Fichtel at the Youth Ministry Office, 937-5875
(if no answer, please leave a message)

Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 5

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Mass

7:00 PM Korean Mass in the Chapel

Monday, September 6 **Labor Day Parish Office Closed**

8:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Respect Life - Room D

7:00 PM Legion of Mary - Room A

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM KC Officer's Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

8:30 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel

6 - 6:45 PM Confession

7:00 PM Mass

Thursday, September 9

8:00 AM Mass

6:00 - 7:00 PM Safe Environment Recertification - Charlie Room

7:00 - 9:00 PM Initial Safe Environment Class - Charlie Room

Friday, September 10

8:00 AM Mass

Saturday, September 11

3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Mission of Mercy Mobile Clinic, medical care for the uninsured, will next be at St. Paul's in the church hall Monday, September 13, from 9 AM – 3:30 PM.

For appointments call 885-5639 on Tuesday through Thursday only, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

R.C.I.A.

Are you a Non-Catholic going to mass with your spouse and enjoying the bond of shared worship? Is the mass a mystery but something you take on faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the place for you to find out more about the Catholic religion. We have year round entry into the instructional program and welcome anyone who is not Catholic to come to our Sunday morning class at 9:30 AM or the informal inquirers class Wednesdays at 6:45 PM Both meet in the Religious Education Office. FMI call Deacon Mike Noble at 834 - 7371

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If you eat out at the Sirloin Stockade bring your receipt to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection at mass. The company will give our church 5% of the amount you spend in their restaurant. This is an easy way to give a little more to your church.

Thinking of Adopting? Call 361 - 850 - 8200 or visit us on line at www.spauldingforchildren.org.

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The **21st Annual Celebration for Life Banquet** is Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 PM, at the Ortiz Center. It is a fundraising event for Hope House, Birthright, and the Gabriel Project. There will be a special and unique speaker. For more information, see posters, brochures, and ticket information forms on the table in back of church.

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Free transportation assistance for Cancer patients to and from treatment through the American Cancer Society can be had by registering by phone at 857 - 0136 or 877-227-1618

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Married couples can set aside what distracts you from making your marriage a priority and take a break from the stress of daily life to focus on enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Zephyr Retreat center up at the lake November 5th - 7th with an early registration deadline of October 1. For fees and information e-mail Rolanda and Nelda Garza at wme.cc@sbcglobal.net or call 851 -8306

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"Holy Grounds" - a ministry for young adults ages 18 - 39 FMI yyam@stpiusxcc.org or call 993-4126

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Other6.com is a community of people answering two simple yet profound questions: *Where have you found God today?* and *Where do you need to find God today?* The site comes from Loyola Press, a Jesuit Ministry, giving a prayerful review of the day intended to help recognize God in our daily routines.

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Tune in to Daily mass and other religious programs of interest and to get accurate and in-depth reporting from a Catholic viewpoint. EWTN is on Time Warner channel 66, DISH networkchannel 261, and direct TV channel 370.

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St. Peter Claver (1581 - 1654) September 9

Peter Claver left his native Spain to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He dedicated himself by special vow and labored unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade for thirty-three years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity.

Boarding the slave ships as they entered the harbor, he would hurry to the revolting inferno of the hold, and offer whatever poor refreshments he could afford; he would care for the sick and dying, and instruct the slaves through Negro catechists before administering the Sacraments. Through his efforts three hundred thousand souls entered the Church. He followed his converts to the plantations to which they were sent encouraging them to live as Christians, and prevailing on their masters to treat them humanely.

Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring testimony to his faith.

The Traveling Chalice

The nationwide Traveling Chalice Program was created to encourage families to pray for vocations as a family, and to promote vocations within the family.



Each week one family will get to take home our traveling chalice presented to you at the mass you usually attend. You then have the chalice for a week to remind your whole household to pray *together* once each day for vocations. In the small booklet you will take home with the chalice there is a recommended prayer and intention for each day, but please feel free to adapt these prayers.

To participate: check the available dates on the Traveling Chalice form which is located on the table in the vestibule of the church. Please print your name along with your Mass day and time. You will be presented with the Chalice at the weekend Mass you attend. You will be presented the chalice and prayer booklet at the weekend Mass you attend. At the end of the week return it either to the parish office on Friday or to church before the 5:00 PM vigil mass. If for some reason that is not possible call the parish office at 937 - 3864.



Please remember those who live in need of our prayers:

John Adams, Sam Anderson, Norma Appelgate, Jones Beaty, Ben, Lydia Blank, Margaret Bowman, Marjorie Boxwell, Manuel Buentello Jr., Noe Cadena, Dottie and Jim Case, Kathy Casey, Charles Crawford, Jesse Cruz, Alison (Wright) Donatucci, Mark Eickleberry, Frank Evans, Viola Farias, Janie Feirstein, Trini Fichtel, Don Flores, Tomasa Hernandez, Amanda Garcia, Hortencia Garza L. and G. Graves, Paul Greer, Ted Hodges, Deacon Joe and Margaret Kaizen, Dick Kisling, Richard Kisling Jr., John Lusson, Steve and Juanita Lusson, Aurelia Martinez, Rose, JR and Adrian Molina, Deacon Ed Nartowicz, Tommy Northcutt, Maria Novoloso, Leoniza Ortiz, Helen Pelletier, Roger Pelletier, Everett Peroni, Aiden Michael Prado, Hector and Thalma Riojas, Francisco Rodriguez, Gilbert Rodriguez, Thelma Seymour, Angela Visosky, Dodie Wondolowski, Judy Zitek

To add or remove someone from this prayer list please call the parish office 937-3864. or contact walker13@stx.rr.com

Help the Hungry

Bring nonperishable items for our Food Pantry and put them in the grocery cart in the church vestibule before any mass.

The Difference...

It is labour that puts the difference on everything. - John Locke

A Prayer for Life

Father and Maker of all,
You adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in Your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of Your hands, And renew among Your people a readiness to nurture and sustain Your precious gift of life.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen



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